

MISS GERALDINE MERCHANT MAKES DEBUT AT A BRILLIANT RECEPTION

MISS Geraldine Merchant made her formal debut into El Paso's social life at a very delightful reception given by her mother, Dr. Alice A. Merchant, on the mezzanine balcony of Hotel Paso del Norte Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Merchant and her daughter received their guests standing in the arched doorway of the alcove. On either side of them were tall, gilt vases, filled with enormous bouquets of long stemmed American Beauty roses, while carnations of the same hue in gilt baskets were arranged in tiers above the roses.

A mahogany table nearby was laden with the floral gifts to the debutante, quantities of roses, narcissus and carnations. Numerous palms were arranged effectively about the balcony. An orchestra of four pieces played continuously during the afternoon.

The guests were presented to Dr. Merchant and her daughter by Mrs. O. H. Baum. Punch was served from an attractively arranged corner in the balcony and in the small dining room off the balcony a salad course was served. The serving table was prettily arranged with pink candles under pink shades, with a large bouquet of pink roses as a centerpiece. The minis were pink and white.

Dr. Merchant was gowning in a handsome creation of black velvet with the bodice of white satin, over which was a tunic of black lace heavily ornamented in metallic embroidery and iridescent beads. The vest of the bodice was covered with the metallic lace. There was a gown of white silk net over white silk. The border of the net tunic was of fish scale iridescent beads, and the same beadwork ornamented the bodice and tiny sleeves. She wore a necklace of pearls. Her corsage bouquet was of pink and white snapdragons and pink roses, tied with pink silk cords.

Mrs. Baum was gowning in black satin, with an overdress of black lace, trimmed in cut jet and black beads. A touch of color was added in the shoulder panels of midnight blue velvet.

During the party the debutante received a telegram from Judge Walter B. Grant, of Boston, containing his congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of her coming out party. Judge Grant is co-guardian with Dr. Merchant of Miss Merchant, as he was a lifelong friend of her father. A large number of prominent El Paso people attended the party.

Assisting in entertaining the guests were the following: Mesdames B. M. Wortham, H. C. Myles, Henry Pfaff, J. E. Potter, W. E. Hays, J. E. Russell, Dora McDaniel, M. P. Schuster, L. S. Stewart, Ben Sherrod, H. D. Slater, Walter E. Arnold, W. R. Brown, William H. Burgess, Edgar Campbell, R. F. Campbell, Horace W. Broadbent, A. P. Cole, Olla C. Cole, G. Frank Cole, E. M. Bell, Winchester Cooley, Waters Davis, J. O. Crockett, Fred A. Feldman, Franklin O. Johnson, Charles D.

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The girls assisting in serving punch and in serving in the dining room were: Misses Virginia Stewart, Barry White, Emily Kemp, Irene LaRallio, Elizabeth Stevens, Marion Young, Katherine Edgar, Augusta Anna Reese, Mary Turner Nations, Grace Wingo and Anna Leavelle.

At the close of the reception a number of the young men called for a short informal dance, among these being: Lucius Tolson, Anselm Dennis, E. McCuniff, Theodore Barnes, Jr., P. C. Rogers, O. S. Wood, Messrs. Ted Davis, Hallard Caldwell, Harvey Wilcox, Lewis Crocker, Hilda Tooley, G. G. Shannon, Dexter Magel and Frank Roberts.

Dances.

A number of the young men of the city are giving a New Year's eve dance Thursday night in the high school gymnasium building, on St. Vrain and Nevada streets.

The women of the congregation of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, with the Knights of Columbus, will entertain their friends with a watch party dance New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. S. Beach will entertain Tuesday evening at the Country club with a dance in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bert King Smith, of Fort Worth, Tex., who are expected to arrive in the city Thursday for a short visit.

El Pasoans Returning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hodges, who have been in Maria for some time, have returned to El Paso.

Andrew W. Leaves, secretary of the chamber of commerce, returned Wednesday from a visit to California points, made during the holidays.

Mrs. Horace E. Stevens Jr. is expected to return today from Granite Gap, N. M., where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kinross. A Garnett King returned Tuesday from Tucson, Ariz., where he went to represent the El Paso Country club in the dedication of the new Tucson Country club building. A number of delightful social events were given in connection with the opening of the club, which is an unusually attractive building, with a splendid golf course. During Mr. King's stay at Southwestern Golf association was formed.

About El Pasoans.

Mrs. William H. Earges is quite ill at her home on Montana street.

Thomas Edwards is quite ill at his home on North El Paso street with a severe attack of bronchitis.

Cards.

Mrs. Harris Waltham and Miss Sue Crombie entertained very informally Tuesday afternoon with a bridge party in compliment to Mrs. Edgar O. Bragg, of Kansas City, and Mrs. F. B. Wilder, of Douglas, Ariz., who are visiting relatives here. Mrs. R. B. Ramsey won the prize for highest score. Attractive souvenirs were presented the guests of honor. Refreshments were served when the games were over.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Olds entertained the Mixed Doubles club Tuesday night at their home on Wyoming street. The game of "40" was the evening's amusement. Mr. and Mrs. Wyche Green, Robert Olds and Mrs. H. J. Sterner won the prizes. Following the games a salad course and coffee were served. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sterner, Mr. and Mrs. Wyche Green, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. William McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Watson, Mr. and Mrs. John Downing, Mr. and Mrs. William McCall will entertain the club at its next meeting.

Mrs. Harry Lackland entertained Tuesday afternoon with a bridge party at her home on North Stanton street in compliment to Miss Fannie V. Henning, who becomes a bride this afternoon. The rooms were decorated with Christmas greens and the Christmas colors were used in the refreshments which were served when the games were over. Among the guests were Mrs. J. Davis Mayfield won the prize for the highest score. Miss Henning was given a souvenir of the party by the hostess. Among the guests were Mesdames Charles Pomeroy, Ysabel Pinto, R. C. Semple, L. G. Witherspoon, R. E. Hines, J. Davis Mayfield; Misses Fannie V. Henning, Martha Pool, Mary Pool, Marjory Henning and Alicia Swann.

Mrs. John R. Hunter entertained with an auction bridge party Tuesday afternoon at her home on Montana street. Christmas greens and bells were used effectively as decorations throughout the rooms. In playing bridge, the prizes were won by Mrs. J. L. Esslinger, Mrs. W. E. Miller and Miss Anna Calman. After the games, salad and ice were served. The hostess was assisted by Miss Harriett Bottorff and Miss Ida Hunter. Among those present were Mesdames E. H. Burk, G. R. Calman, L. T. Rogers, W. H. Forbes, Sr., George Webster, J. W. B. Robinson, J. C. Schuller, Wyche Greer, Frank M. Lynch, A. S. Jacobs, W. E. Miller, R. B. Homann, J. L. Esslinger, E. A. Essler, and Misses Anna Calman, Dorcasett Thomas of Tucson, Harriett Bottorff and Ida Hunter.

El Pasoans Away.

Miss Margaret Bryan and Miss Blanche Schwartz are spending a few days in Canutillo, the guests of Mrs. J. Bennett.

Capt. W. D. Groat, of the police department, left Tuesday night for a visit with relatives at his old home at South Birmingham, Ala.

Parties.

Miss Juanita Smith will entertain with a watch party on New Year's eve. Miss Ida Krump will entertain with a buncce party on New Year's day at her home on Union avenue.

F. Holzward will entertain Thursday with a New Year's eve watch party at her home on Bliss street. Master Billy Owen celebrated his sixth birthday anniversary Tuesday afternoon at his home on Montana street, assisted by his mother, Mrs. Will T. Owen. The party was quite informal. The children spent the time pleasantly playing games and later refreshments were served.

Miss Katherine Harper entertained the second half of her Sunday school class at Trinity Methodist church Tuesday night at her home on Boulevard. Christmas greens decorated the room. The girls spent the time pleasantly playing games. Refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by her mother, Mrs. E. J. Harper, in entertaining. Among those present were Misses Ruby Pomeroy, Pearl Pomeroy, Erna Mae White, Kula Richardson, Edna Richardson, Edna Richardson, Edna Robertson, Irene Robertson, Edna Lee Davis, Betty Mary Smith, Willie Ferguson, Gladys Sincind and Helen Simpson.

Miss Hazel Kinney entertained the Kewpie club Tuesday night at her home, on Myrtle avenue, with a New Year's party. Christmas greens and holly decorated the rooms in an attractive manner. Miss Gaby Lovett won the first prize and the consolation prize was won by Cecil Boyce. An ice course was served following the games. Chaparrone the young people were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Key. Among the guests were Misses Augusta Fahrenkamp, Roberta Ross, Ellen Klingel, Tina Mann, Gaby Lovett, Gladys Wright, Lillian Davis, the boys were Fred Akard, Lawrence Shealy, Cecil Boyd, Ed Perry, John Henry, Glenn Keer, Gwynn Watson and Robert Hunter.

Little Miss Charline Fox entertained eight of her friends with a Christmas eve party Monday afternoon at her home on North Campbell street. The house was prettily decorated with Christmas greens, with the Christmas tree being of course the most important feature. The little girls drew pictures of Santa Claus and Minnette Watson won the prize for the best drawing. Refreshments were served and each guest received a favor of a colored stocking filled with Christmas nuts and candies. Mrs. Charles A. Fox assisted her small daughter in entertaining her guests, Minnette Watson, Rachel Weckerle, Dorothy Houck, Guenn Houck, Bernice Smith, Ruth Silverman and E. M. Tamm.

The Sunday school of the Church of the Immaculate Conception was given a Christmas tree party Monday night in the Knights of Columbus hall, the hosts being the members of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Benevolent society and the St. Vincent Paul society. Christmas greens and holly decorated with Christmas greens and there was a big elaborately decorated Christmas tree. Vincent Anderson represented Santa Claus in the traditional costume and distributed the gifts from the tree. Each child received several toys besides candy, fruit and nuts. The party was given by the church, Rev. Edward Barry and Rev. Francis Roy, were each presented by Santa Claus with an appropriate gift from the Christmas tree.

Miss Bertha Hilgartner entertained a number of her school friends Tuesday night at her home on Myrtle avenue with a buncce party. Christmas bells and holly and mistletoe decorated the rooms in a pleasing way. Miss Esther Rice and Will Valentine won the prize for the highest score. The consolation prize. Punch was served during the card games and at their completion ice cream and cake were enjoyed. The hostess was assisted by Miss Frances Dodge. Among those present were Misses Esther Rice, Ruth Myers, Mildred Bishop, Nellie Smith, Dorothy Dunn, Kathleen Hall, Marion Young, Mary Nafe, Merle Dale, Blanche Roe and Frances Dodge. The boys were Frank Scotten, Will Valentine, Earl Brown, Walter Clayton, Adolph Brish, Reice Webster, Clarence Ellison, Franklin Williams and Homer Dale.

Mrs. James Edwards and Mrs. Locke Tucker entertained Monday afternoon with a buncce party in honor of their granddaughter and niece, Miss Florence Edwards of Nogales, Ariz. Miss Helen Murdoch won the first prize, Miss Ethel Crawford the second, and Miss Dorothy Ormabee the consolation. Those invited were Misses Helen Redding, Dorothy Vollertsen, Vonia Bray, Dorothy Ormabee, Phyllis Rutledge, Elizabeth Kelly, Helen Murdoch, Dorothy Williams, Mary Kelly, Margaret Schuster, Mrs. John Watson, Ethel Crawford, Jenn Gilchrist and Gertrude Smith, and John Watson. The party was set for last Saturday, but owing to a washout between Nogales and El Paso, the guest of honor did not arrive and it was postponed until Monday, when, still the trains not running, the party proceeded without its honor guest.

The quarterly social of the Junior missionary society of Trinity Methodist church was held Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Winans on River street. The young people played games during the evening and refreshments of cocoa, popcorn balls and doughnuts were enjoyed. Mrs. H. L. Spence, the leader of the junior branch, was in charge of the party. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Winans, Mesdames H. L. Spence, L. L. Jones, J. A. Ayers, Misses Ruby Collier, Hazel Spence, Donna Gibson, Bertha Gibson, Lucile Ayers, Madeline Ibrery, Jean Strickland, Kate Amosett, Lelia Amosett, Letitia Zachary, Margery Price, Melva Temple, Louise Jones, Marie Grider, Merle Vinson, Helen Ferguson. The boys were Lawrence McConnell, Augustus Roberts, Eugene Smith, Samuel Middleton, Robert Winans, Maurice Winans, Forrest Smith and Joseph Roberts.

A pretty Christmas buncce party was given by Miss Virginia Knight and Miss LuRee Knight Tuesday afternoon, at their home on Orion street. A gayly ornamented Christmas tree was in the parlor and mistletoe and holly were lavishly used in the decoration of the rooms. Buncce was played, with the best prize being won by Miss Louise Leighton and the consolation prize going to Miss Phyllis Rutledge. Following the games, a two course luncheon course was enjoyed. The favors were snowballs, filled with candies. Assisting the hostess in entertaining were their mother, Mrs. Percy F. Knight and Mrs. William Jennings. Among those present were: Misses Emma Windberg, Eva Stevenson, Miriam Burt, Myra Jackson, Nancy Edwards, Harriett Heermans, Mary Heermans, Mabel Shaw.

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Dinners, Luncheons, Teas.

Mrs. Harry S. Potter and Mrs. Henry S. Beach will entertain at luncheon January 7, at the Harvey house, in honor of Mrs. Franklin O. Johnson and her sister, Miss Anne Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oliver entertained Monday night with a delightful dinner at their home, on North El Paso street. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Bryan, Miss Emma Hoffman, Miss Ernestine Hurry, Miss Lila Shaw and W. H. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bryan will entertain this evening with a dinner at their home, in Manhattan Hotel. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Akard, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Akard, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Akard and Dr. and Mrs. Burleson Staten.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chapman entertained Tuesday night with an informal dinner party at their home, 515 Lebanon street in Highland Park. The guests were Mrs. J. W. Prunty, Mrs. A. A. Harvey, Misses Marguerite Harvey, Edith Edwards, of Tucumcari, Rose Clayton and Beatie Clayton.

Among the jolly affairs being planned for New Year's day will be a paper chase, followed by a "bun" breakfast at the Country club. The hunters, with their mounts, will meet at the Toltos club at 9 o'clock Friday morning and the course will lead out beyond Fort Bliss. Then the hunters will ride to the Country club and enjoy a breakfast, James G. McNary and Carl A. Beece are managing the party. The hunt will be led by Miss Wynne Mazon and Carl A. Beece.

Mrs. Hal E. Christie gave a very pretty luncheon Tuesday afternoon at her home on North Santa Fe street, to announce the engagement of Miss Loretto Brick and Mr. R. Williams, of Clouderoff, N. M. Freshias and similar, with quantities of ferns, decorated the luncheon table in an attractive way. The place cards were little snow globes, in gold, containing within the announcement card. Pink nut baskets were the favors. A six course luncheon was served. Following the luncheon, Mrs. H. E. Christie played bridge. Mrs. J. D. Neely won the prize for the highest score, and a souvenir of the party was given by the hostess to Mrs. Brick. The guests were the members of the Thursday club, of which Miss Brick has been a member for ten years. Mrs. Joseph Dwyer assisted in entertaining her daughter's guests. There were present Mesdames Thomas J. Slade, J. D. Neely, J. W. Lorentzen, T. J. Stafford, R. M. McCandless and Joseph Brick. Stalla Brick, Mildred Connolly, Mable Cole, Lillian Cole and Lucile Smith.

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